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1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS DELIVERED AT A PRESS
CONFERENCE AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN AMMAN AT
1700 HOURS THIS EVENING, JANUARY 21, 1975, BY
SENATOR CHARLES H. PERCY:

"I HAVE A BRIEF STATEMENT WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO READ
AND BECAUSE THERE ARE A FEW CORRECTIONS IN IT BUT THEY
ARE NOT MAJOR AT ALL. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT
MY VISIT TO JORDAN HAS BEEN ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF
MY TOUR CURRENTLY TO 12 NATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
THE VISIT TO JORDAN INCLUDED PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH
HIS MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN AND PRIME MINISTER RIFAI
AS WELL AS A DINNER HOSTED BY THE PRIME MINISTER
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AND A BREAKFAST HOSTED THIS MORNING BY THE CROWN

PRINCE AND A DAY-LONG VISIT TODAY BY HELICOPTER DOWN THROUGH THE AREA ENDING UP AT PETRA. I'VE LONG LOOKED FORWARD TO VISITING JORDAN, ESPECIALLY AFTER MY MEETINGS WITH HIS MAJESTY IN WASHINGTON. HE IS WITHOUT QUESTION IN MY JUDGEMENT ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR CHIEFS OF STATE WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CERTAINLY WITH THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES. IN THE MEETINGS THAT WE HAVE HAD WITH HIM IN THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, ROOM, I CANNOT REALLY RECALL EVER HAVING SO MANY SENATORS BE SO UNANIMOUS IN THEIR PRAISE AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE ROLE THAT HIS MAJESTY HAS BEEN PLAYING IN A VERY IMPORTANT COUNTRY. I THINK THAT HE IS NOT ONLY THAT BUT HE'S A MAN HIGHLY ADMIRERED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND I ASKED HIM RESPECTFULLY LAST NIGHT FOR THE SECRET OF HIS CONTINUITY IN OFFICE. I AM SURE EVERY POLITICIAN AND POLITICAL FIGURE IN THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW HE COULD BE DEAN IN A HAZARDOUS SORT OF AN OCCUPATION AND HAVE RULED AS LONG AS HE HAS AND AS ABLY AND AS WELL AS HE HAS UNDER EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. I LEAVE JORDAN WITH A DEEP PERSONAL AFFECTION FOR HIS MAJESTY AND MY ADMIRATION IS ALL THE GREATER AFTER SEEING FIRST HAND HIS DEEP DEVOTION TO THE WELFARE OF ALL OF THE CITIZENS IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE HAS DEVELOPED FINE RELATIONSHIPS WITH HIS ARAB BROTHERS AND I HAVE HEARD OF THIS ALL OVER THE ARAB WORLD AND I BELIEVE HE PERSONIFIES THE MODERATE, ENLIGHTENED LEADERSHIP WHICH IS SO EVIDENT TODAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT IS JUST SUCH LEADERSHIP WHICH OFFERS A UNIQUE AND TIMELY OPPORTUNITY FOR RESOLVING IN THE NEAR FUTURE THE TENSIONS WHICH HAVE BESET THIS REGION FOR SO LONG.

2. "WE WERE PLEASED THIS MORNING, I WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE AMBASSADOR AND MY COLLEAGUES, TO HAVE BREAKFAST TODAY WITH THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRINCESS SARVATH, AND TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH HIM IN DETAIL THE ECONOMIC PROGRAM FOR THE JORDAN-UNCLASSIFIED

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WADI ARABA-RIFT VALLEY PROGRAM. JORDAN IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH A GIFTED, HARD-WORKING YOUNG MAN SO CONCERNED ABOUT THE NATION'S ECONOMIC FUTURE. I EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION TO PRIME MINISTER RIFAI FOR THE DINNER HE HOSTED FOR MRS. PERCY AND MYSELF, THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS WIFE LAST EVENING. WE WERE HONORED INDEED TO HAVE HIS MAJESTY AND HER MAJESTY PRESENT FOR

DINNER. WE DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES WHICH EXIST IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS WELL AS ECONOMIC PROGRAMS FOR JORDAN ITSELF AND OUT BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE UNITED STATES WHICH HAVE BEEN SO TRADITIONALLY WARM AND FRIENDLY AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. I WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO HAVE A VERY SHORT VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN THIS EVENING AND THE ROYAL SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY. I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE AMBITIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS BEING WORKED ON BY HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WILL OFFER INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY AND FOR JORDANIANS WHO ARE ATTENDING SCHOOL ELSEWHERE. I THINK THAT IS ONE OF THE ESSENTIAL

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PURPOSES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF JORDAN TO CREATE SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITY SO THAT JORDANIANS CAN STAY HOME AND SEEK THEIR FUTURE

AND THEIR OPPORTUNITY, BUILDING THEIR OWN NATION.
THIS IS THE END PURPOSE OF A GREAT MANY OF THE
FINE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THAT WE
HAVE DISCUSSED TODAY.

3. MY HELICOPTER TRIP TO THE
DEAD SEA, THE WADI-ARABA AREA AND JORDAN'S
HIGHLAND AGRICULTURAL AREA I FOUND EXTREMELY
STIMULATING, EXCITING AND WAS BENEFITED BY
CLEAR, GOOD WEATHER TODAY. PETRA IS TRULY ONE
OF THE GREAT WONDERS OF THE WORLD. I WAS DEEPLY
IMPRESSED WITH IT AND I COULDN'T HELP BUT THINK
OF THE UNEXCELLED FACILITIES THAT ARE NOW BEING
MADE AVAILABLE AND ALL OVER JORDAN TO BRING BACK
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THE GREAT STRENGTH TO YOUR ECONOMY THAT TOURISM
IN THE PAST HAS HAD AND THAT CERTAINLY PEACE IN
THE MIDEAST WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION
THROUGH TOURISM TO JORDAN AND TO MANY OF ITS
WONDERFUL CULTURAL ADVANTAGES IN THE INSIGHT AND
BACKGROUND THAT IT CAN GIVE TO A MAN'S PROGRESS
AND CIVILIZATION. I THINK THAT THIS INCOME WILL
ADD GREATLY TO JORDAN'S ECONOMY IN THE FUTURE AND
I CERTAINLY WILL DO WHAT I CAN TO ENCOURAGE MY
FELLOW AMERICANS TO COME TO JORDAN AND COME TO
THE MIDDLE EAST AND UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THIS
VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE WORLD.

4. SYMBOLIC OF JORDAN'S
IMPORTANCE IN THE WORLD TODAY IS THE
FACT THAT JUST THIS WEEK THE NATION IS BEING
VISITED BY TWO SEPARATE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS.
MY COLLEAGUES, SENATOR MATHIAS AND INOUE, ARRIVE
TONIGHT AND I HAVE JUST MET WITH MY LONG-TIME
FRIEND, JIM LENNON, FORMER PUBLISHER OF TIME,
INCORPORATED. I TOOK A TIME-SPONSORED FAR EASTERN
TOUR A DECADE AGO AND IN LOOKING OVER THE LIST OF
INDUSTRIALISTS I THINK THAT THEY ARE ARRIVING, I
BELIEVE, TOMORROW. THIS IS A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP
OF SOME OF THE FINEST INDUSTRIALISTS IN AMERICA
TODAY. THEY ARE DEEPLY DEVOTED TO UNDERSTANDING AND
LEARNING FIRST HAND THE PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE
EAST AND ITS OPPORTUNITIES. THEY ARE
INTERESTED IN THE QUESTION OF WAR AND PEACE
AND THEY ARE INTERESTED ALSO IN HELPING TO WORK
WITH ARAB NATIONS IN THEIR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMS.

5. "LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT IN

THE JUDGEMENT OF ONE SENATOR WHO IS A STRONG ADMIRER OF OUR AMBASSADOR, AMBASSADOR THOMAS PICKERING IS ONE OF OUR ABLEST DIPLOMATS.

6. "I LEAVE JORDAN WITH AN INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OF THE DESIRE OF ITS PEOPLE TO EARNESTLY SEEK PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST; THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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DESIRE IS WIDELY SHARED THROUGHOUT THE REGION, AND I WILL TAKE THAT MESSAGE BACK TO PRESIDENT FORD, VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER, SECRETARY KISSINGER, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. I WILL BE VERY HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE."

7. THE STATEMENT WAS FOLLOWED BY THESE QUESTIONS:

Q. SENATOR, IN YOUR STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY UPON ARRIVAL, YOU SAID THAT YOU FELT THE ARABS HAD A SINCERE URGE TO FIND A BASIS FOR A MIDDLE EAST SOLUTION. WHAT MADE YOU THINK THAT?

A. I HAVE NOW VISITED TEN COUNTRIES. I HAVE TALKED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES, THE RULERS OF ALL TEN COUNTRIES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OMAN WHOSE CHIEF OF STATE WAS IN WASHINGTON AT THE TIME AND I MET WITH HIS MINISTERS AND HIS ACTING HEAD WHILE HE WAS GONE. BUT I HAVE HEARD A DEEP DESIRE FOR PEACE EXPRESSED: I HAVE HEARD SUPPORT FOR THE STEP-BY-STEP PROPOSALS AND PROGRAM OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND CERTAINLY THAT DEEP DESIRE I CONSIDER TO BE REASONABLE AND MODERATE APPROACH. IT PROVIDES A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US. THERE SEEMS TO BE A UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION THAT THE STATE OF ISRAEL HAS A RIGHT TO EXIST, WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS A SOVERIGN STATE AND ITS PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO PEACEFUL EXISTANCE AND TO SECURITY OF NATIONS AND PERSON. WITH THAT RECOGNITION, I THINK THAT GREAT PROGRESS CAN AND SHOULD BE MADE NOW. AND IT'S THAT MESSAGE THAT I INTEND TO TRANSMIT BACK TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND OBVIOUSLY I WILL DISCUSS MY TRIP IN DETAIL WHEN I GO TO ISRAEL TOMORROW.

Q. SIR, AS YOU KNOW ISRAEL WAS NOT VERY HELPFUL WITH DR. KISSINGER IN HIS ENDEAVOURS. IN WHAT WAY, IN YOUR OPINION, COULD ISRAEL HELP IN BRINGING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST?

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A. I THINK TO RECOGNIZE FIRST THAT THIS IS A
UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER WHO IS
RESPECTED AND TRUSTED BY BOTH ISRAEL AND THE ARAB
WORLD. IT IS UNIQUE, REALLY, IN DEALING WITH A
CONFLICT OF THIS KIND, TO HAVE SOMEONE IN THAT
POSITION WHO CAN HELP GUIDE BY TALKING TO BOTH
SIDES THAT PEACE NOT IMPOSED BY ANYONE ELSE BUT
A PEACE AND THE TERMS OF WHICH ARE DEVELOPED BY
DISCUSSIONS FREELY BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN BOTH
SIDES. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT ISRAEL AND ALL ARAB
LEADERS WOULD RECOGNIZE THE UNIQUENESS OF THIS
OPPORTUNITY. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THERE ARE HAWKS
IN ISRAEL WHO WOULD PRESS THAT COUNTRY TOWARD WAR
AND CONFLICT. BUT I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THERE ARE
ALSO HAWKS THAT MUST BE MODERATED IN THE ARAB
WORLD. JUST AS THERE ARE EXTREMISTS IN THE
PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT BUT THERE ARE MODERATES WHO
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DESIRE A DEEP AND LASTING PEACE AND ARE EXPRESSING
THEIR FOR THEIR HOMELAND. SO THAT'S OUR JOB,
I THINK, TO STRENGTHEN THE MODERATES WHO WANT PEACE
AND WHO REJECT FORCE AND WARFARE. AND THE
ONLY WAY TO STRENGTHEN THEM IS TO MAKE PROGRESS
STEP BY STEP NOW TOWARD THAT ULTIMATE SOLUTION
THAT WE ARE ALL TRYING TO ACHIEVE.

Q. SIR, EXCUSE ME, MY LAST QUESTION. DO YOU
THINK THE CANCELLATION OF THE 1972 TRADE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION
WOULD AFFECT THIS AREA DIRECTLY?

A. I DO NOT BELIEVE SO. IT'S NOT IN ANYONE'S
INTEREST TO HAVE A CONFLICT. THE SOVIET UNION HAS
EVIDENCED IT'S DESIRE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE AND HELP
IN THIS REGARD AND CERTAINLY THE UNITED STATES HAS
NOT REJECTED THAT OFFER OF ASSISTANCE. IT COULD
HAVE CAUSED A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE AND DIFFICULTY
AND IT HAS NOT. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THAT. WE
HOPE THAT THAT POLICY ON THE SOVIET UNION'S PART
WILL CONTINUE. SO THAT I DON'T THINK THAT CANCEL-
ATION OR THE IDICATION THAT THE TRADE AGREEMENT
WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED, I DON'T THINK THAT THAT
HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE
THAT ALL OF US HAVE TO SEEK PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS FOR
THE WORLD PROBLEMS. AND I HAVE HEARD SECRETARY
GENERAL BREZNEV FACE TO FACE EXPRESS HIMSELF AS
HAVING THAT OBJECTIVE.

Q. DO YOU AGREE TO THE ARAB LEADERS RECENT STATE-
MENTS THAT NO DURABLE, PEACE SOLUTION WILL BE
REACHED UNLESS ISRAEL HAS RETURNED THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES?

A. I THINK THAT THAT'S A DEEPLY HELD FEELING IN
THE ARAB WORLD. IT WAS UNIVERSALLY EXPRESSED TO
ME THAT ESSENTIALLY THE LANDS THAT HAVE BEEN
OCCUPIED MUST BE RETURNED AND THAT THERE MUST BE
A SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINIAN SITUATION. BUT ON
THE OTHER SIDE, I CAN ASSURE MY FRIENDS IN THE
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ARAB WORLD, THERE WILL BE NO PEACE AND SECURITY
IN STABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST IF ANY ARAB
NATION TRIES TO FORMOUNT A FIFTH WAR. THEY WILL,
BY THAT ACT, FORCE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO SUPPORT AND HELP DEFEND ISRAEL BECAUSE WE BELIEVE DEEPLY IN ITS RIGHT TO HAVE ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND ITS RIGHT TO EXIST WITHOUT FEAR AND TO HAVE A PEACEFUL EXISTENCE. NOW THAT RIGHT, I THINK, IS BEING RECOGNIZED THROUGHOUT THE ARAB WORLD AND WITH THOSE TWO CONDITIONS COUPLED TOGETHER I THINK WE HAVE THE BASIS FOR MOVING AHEAD TOWARD THIS STEP-BY-STEP PROGRAM.

Q. (INAUDIBLE)

SENSE OF QUESTION: DOES U.S. POSITION ON TRADE AGREEMENTS REFLECT ADVERSELY ON U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE?

A. THIS IS, I THINK, THE 1974 TRADE AGREEMENT ACT REALLY WHICH THEY HAVE JUST REJECTED. THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT THAT WE WOULD MOVE TOWARD THIS BUT THEY'VE EXPRESSED DISSAPPOINTMENT ON TWO POINTS AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK, CREDIT LIMITATION AND THE IMMIGRATION POLICY, SO FOR THAT REASON THEY DO NOT INTEND TO, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, TO MOVE FORWARD IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1974 TRADE ACT.

Q. (INAUDIBLE)

(SIMILAR TO PRECEDING QUESTION)

A. I THINK IT WOULD HAVE HELPED A GREAT DEAL TO HAVE MOVED FORWARD ON THE TRADE FRONT BUT IT'S NOT ESSENTIAL. IT'S NOT A CONTROLLING FACTOR BECAUSE, AFTER ALL, WHO WOULD PUT HUMAN LIFE; WHO WOULD PUT PEACE AHEAD OF ECONOMIC MATTERS. WE CAN EXIST WITHOUT

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THAT TRADE. THE SOVIET UNION CAN EXIST WITHOUT
THAT TRADE. I THINK BOTH OF US WOULD BE BETTER
WITH IT AND I AM SORRY THE TERMS WERE NOT
ACCEPTABLE. BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD CON-
TINUE ALL OF OUR OTHER CONTACTS: I WOULD HOPE
THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE (INAUDIBLE) BECAUSE I
BELIEVE THAT IT MAKES IT BETTER FOR ALL OTHER
COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD WHEN THE TWO MAJOR
POWERS HAVE THE KIND OF A RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS
BEEN DEVELOPING SLOWLY BUT STEADILY OVER RECENT
YEARS. NOW WE'VE HAD A LITTLE SETBACK. LET'S
HOPE THAT THAT WILL NOT BE IRREVERSIBLE AND THAT
WE CAN MOVE FORWARD: THAT IT HASN'T CHANGED OUR
OBJECTIVES TO TRY A POLICY OF COOPERATION RATHER
THAN CONFRONTATION.

Q. SENATOR, WHAT IS YOUR COMMENT OF THE RECENT
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AMERICAN STATEMENTS ON USING FORCE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST IF AN OIL EMBARGO IS REIMPOSED?

A. THESE WERE HYPOTHETICAL ANSWERS TO PURELY HYPOTHETICAL
QUESTIONS. IT IS SOMETHING LIKE THE QUESTIONS PEOPLE
WOULD ASK ME DURING ELECTION TIMES.
AS THEY DID IN 1964, WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU
LOSE THE ELECTION THAT YOU ARE RUNNING FOR. WILL
YOU GO BACK TO BUSINESS. AND I SAID "I SUPPOSE
SO". THERE WAS A HEADLINE IN THE PAPER THE NEXT
DAY, THE IMPLICATION BEING "PERCY CONCEDES THE
ELECTION AND HE IS RETURNING TO BUSINESS". SO
I THINK WHAT SECRETARY KISSINGER IS CLEARLY TRYING
TO GET ACROSS WAS THAT THOSE HAWKS IN AMERICA
WHO WOULD PRESS US INTO USING FORCE IN ORDER TO
REDUCE OIL PRICES GOT A CLEAR, UNEQUIVACLE "NO"
FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON BEHALF OF OUR

GOVERNMENT; THAT WE DO NOT USE FORCE BECAUSE OF RISING OIL PRICES. WE ARE CONCERNED BUT THERE'S GOING TO BE NO FORCE USED. NOW WHEN PRESSED TO THAT HYPOTHETICAL SITUATION WHICH HE NOR ANYONE ELSE COULD ENVISION, HE ONLY SPOKE HISTORICALLY THAT MAN HAS GENERALLY DONE WHEN FLAT ON YOUR BACK AND ALL OTHER MEANS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED. BUT HIS WHOLE LIFE HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO EXHAUSTING EVERY MEANS AND ALREADY WE HAVE HAD RATHER WIDE ACCEPTANCE. I WAS WITH HIM WHEN HE GAVE HIS 25 BILLION DOLLAR PROPOSAL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO AND YESTERDAY THAT WAS ACCEPTED NOW BY ESSENTIALLY THE OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES. WE ARE NOW MOVING MUCH MORE RAPIDLY TOWARD THE ULTIMATE CONFERENCE WITH OIL PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS THAT OPAK HAS LONG WANTED, THAT WE WERE NOT PREPARED YET TO HOLD BUT WHICH WE INTEND TO HOLD AT THE PROPER TIME.

Q. SENATOR, YOU SAID ISRAEL HAS THE RIGHT TO EXIST. NOBODY AGREES WITH YOU. BUT YOU MEAN TO EXIST BUT WITH KEEPING THE LANDS OCCUPIED?

A. I THINK IT'S UNREALISTIC TO ASSUME THAT THEY
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CAN HAVE BOTH. KING HUSSEIN HAS MADE IT IMMINENTLY CLEAR IN A SPEECH THAT YOU CAN'T HAVE BOTH. YOU CAN'T HAVE PEACE AND YOU CAN'T HAVE OCCUPIED LANDS. YOU CAN'T HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT TOO. BUT WHAT ISRAEL WANTS IS ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE THAT IT'S SOVEREIGNTY WILL BE RECOGNIZED. NOW YOU GO THROUGH THE ARAB WORLD AND YOU PICK UP MAPS IN ARAB COUNTRIES AND YOU CAN'T EVEN FIND THE STATE OF ISRAEL ON MOST MAPS AND THEY ARE CURRENT MAPS. THIS IS THE THING THAT I THINK CONCERNS THE ISRAELIS AND JUST AS THEY HAVE LONG WANTED A HOME LAND, THE PALESTINIANS CAN UNDERSTAND WHEN THEY SO DEEPLY WANT RESTORATION OF A HOME LAND. THEY CAN UNDERSTAND THE JEWS POINT OF VIEW AND IF EACH UNDERSTANDS THE OTHER, AND I THINK WE HAVE NOW ARRIVED AT THAT POINT, THEN I THINK OBVIOUSLY THE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS WOULD INVOLVE THE TURN ESSENTIALLY OF THE LANDS THAT HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED.

Q. SENATOR, THEY CAN'T HAVE BOTH?

A. NO, THEY CAN'T HAVE BOTH AND IT'S UNREALISTIC TO ASSUME THAT IT COULD HAVE BOTH. BECAUSE I SEE

NO INTENTION FOR THERE TO BE ANY LET-UP OF ANY KIND
IN THE ARAB WORLD OR TO HAVE PEACE IF THEY CONTINUE
TO TAKE THE POSITION THAT THEY WILL WANT TO OCCUPY
THOSE LANDS. BUT I SEE SIGNS AND SIGNALS FROM
ISRAEL: I'VE READ THE FIGARO ARTICLE
BY FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON. I WILL WANT TO

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MEET WITH HIM IN A FEW DAYS AND TALK WITH HIM
ABOUT HIS INTERPRETATION AND MEANING, BUT IN
THAT HE CERTAINLY IMPLIED ON THE RIGHT CONDITIONS
THAT THEY WOULD MOVE BACK INTO THE SINAI, THE OIL
FIELDS WOULD BE RETURNED, THE STRAITS WOULD BE
RETURNED AND SO FORTH AND I THINK THAT'S THE
BEGINNING OF THE KING OF MOVEMENT THAT'S ABSOL-
UTELY ESSENTIAL. NOW PRESIDENT SADAT MADE IT
VERY CLEAR IN HIS PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH ME,
AND WHEN HE SAID IT I ASKED HIS PERMISSION SO
IF I WERE EVER ASKED I WOULD BE ABLE TO REPEAT IT,

HE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT IN THE SUCCEEDING STAGES
IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE MOVEMENT NOT
JUST IN THE SINAI BUT THAT THERE WOULD BE ALSO
MOVEMENT AND PROGRESS ON THE SYRIAN BORDER, ON
THE SOUTH LEBANESE BORDER AND HOPEFUL PROGRES
TOWARDS SOLVING THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. SO THAT
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THERE IS A SENSE OF FAIRNESS FROM ARAB BROTHER
TO ARAB BROTHER. THEY ARE NOT TRYING TO DO IT FOR
THEMSELVES. THEY WANT TO SEE THIS WHOLE PROBLEM
SOLVED AND IT'S THAT SENSE OF MODERATION AND FAIR-
NESS THAT I THINK IS A GREATER SIGNAL TO ISRAEL THAT
THIS IS THE TIME TO MOVE FORWARD.
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